# SEMS Executive Course



**SEMS Approved Course of Instruction** 

#### **TOPICS:**

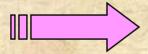


- \* SEMS Components, levels, functions, regulations
- \*Role of the
  Executive at the
  policy level
- \*Role of the
  Executive in the
  Incident Command
  System
- \* Questions & Answers

#### WHAT IS SEMS?

# TRANSITION ORGANIZATION

**DAY TO DAY** 



**EMERGENCY** 





### SEMS WAS DEVELOPED TO IMPROVE:

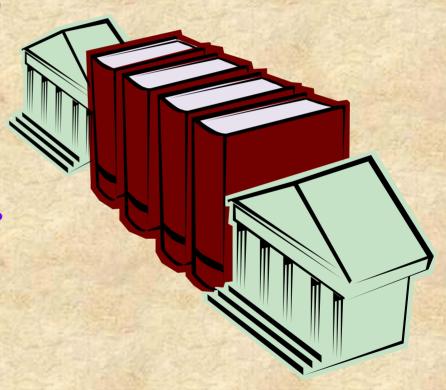
- Flow of Information and resources
- Coordination between responding agencies





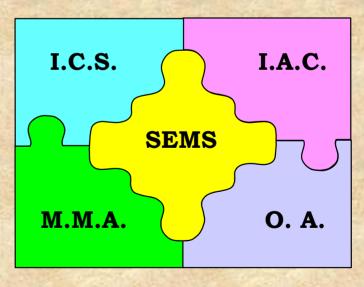
#### LEGAL BASIS FOR SEMS:

- **Senate Bill 1841**
- \*Now in Law:
  Government
  Code § 8607
- \*State Agency vs.
  Local
  Government
  Compliance



#### **COMPONENTS OF SEMS:**

- Incident Command System (Must be used at field level)
- \* Inter-Agency Coordination
- Master Mutual Aid
- Operational Areas



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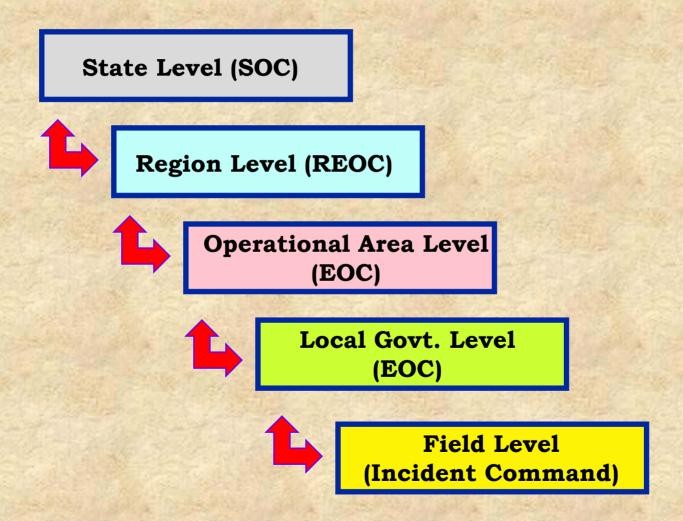
#### **How Does SEMS Work?**

Five Levels of Government

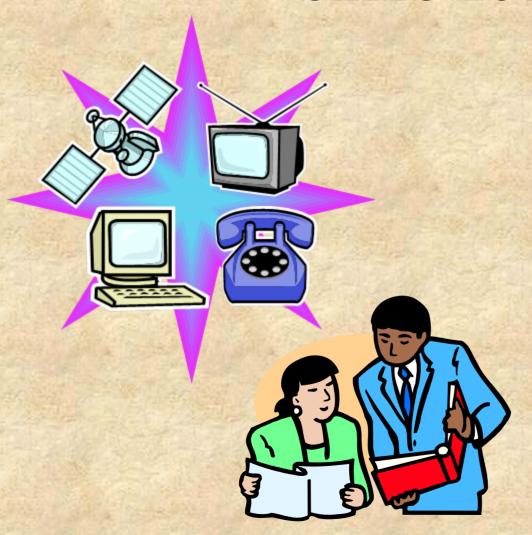
Five Functions



### SEMS ORGANIZATIONAL LEVELS:



### Communication Between SEMS Levels



- \* Phone & FAX
- \* OASIS
- ResponseInformationManagementSystem (RIMS)
- **\* EOC Liaison**

#### **SEMS PRIMARY FUNCTIONS:**

Management or Command

**Operations** 

Planning Intelligence

**Logistics** 

Finance Administration

### ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE IN SEMS:

- **\* PLANNING**
- **\* TRAINING**
- **\* POLICY DIRECTION**



#### PLANNING:

- \* Provide support in the form of RESOURCES!
- \* Ensure the development of PLANS!
- \* Prioritize Pre-Emergency Mitigation!



#### TRAINING:

- Budgetary Support for Training
- \* Support / Participate in Exercises
- \* Ensure Organizational Readiness



#### POLICY DIRECTION:

\* Executive must ensure clear policy for EOC Managers



#### The Executive in the EOC:



- \* Policy direction
- \* Effective leadership
- \* Ensure adequate staffing and resources
- \* Effective inter-agency coordination
- Keep the public informed
- Empower your staff to implement your policies.

#### Legal Authority



- Director of
  Emergency
  Services vs.
  Policy
  Executives
- Public Agency
   Proclamations,
   Declarations,
   and Ratification.

# ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE IN THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

- Defining the System
- Defining YourMission
- \* Policy Direction
- Delegation of Authority



#### What is ICS?

- Management
   System for Field
   Resources
- ICS Principles provided the foundation for SEMS
- \* Tactical
  Implementation of
  Operational
  Policy.



# The Mission of Your Organization?

- \* Does your organization perform emergency response field activities?
- \* If Yes....ICS can
  help!

>5 ICS Field Functions



# The Mission of Your Organization?

- \*Do you respond in conjunction with other organizations?
- \* If Yes....ICS can
  help!
  - >Unified Command
  - >Inter-Agency
    Coordination



## **Emergency Response Agencies Under SEMS**



- \*ICS at the field level is required by SEMS
- Inter-Agency
   Coordination at the field level is required by SEMS

# Is Your Agency Always "In-Charge?"

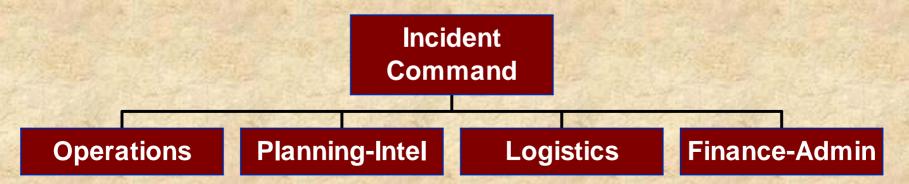
### \*Determining Factors:

- >Type of Incident
- **Jurisdiction**
- >Legal Mandates
- Degree of Resource Commitment



#### Response Options

- \*In Charge of the Incident
- **\*Part of a Unified Command**
- **\*Part of Operations**
- **\*Part of Logistics**
- **\*Other duties / responsibilities**



#### Leadership in the Field

- **\*Your Incident** Commander must work well with other organizations
- \*Your IC must know your policy and how to implement it
- \*Your IC must coordinate with EOCs if activated
- \*Your IC must keep you informed.





#### Summary:

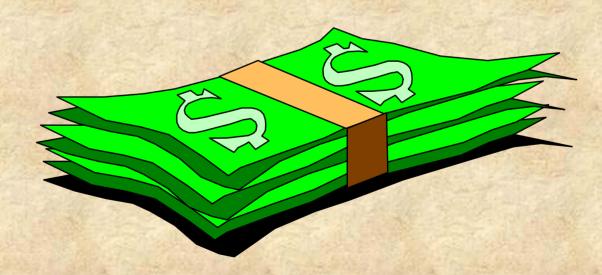
- \* Issue clear concise policy for EOC Staff and Incident Staff
- \*Support SEMS Training for your organization
- \*Ensure that good communication is maintained during the response
- \*Ensure that your policy is being implemented in the EOC and at the field level.

#### The "Bottom-line?":

\* MAKE SEMS PART OF YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE!

PREPARE NOW OR PAY LATER !!





#### QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION:

